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Quinine envelopes finishing and making.

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Quinine envelopes finishing ...	0	2	3	per 1,000 covers.
Do. making ...	0	0	6	per 100 covers.

(*b*) Yes, because there are different kinds of work of varying degrees of difficulty or carried out by the use of machines of varying speeds of operation.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Foremen are classed as ministerial servants. A ministerial servant may be retained in service if he continues efficient up to 60 years. Under the general delegation of powers, the Superintendent, Government Press, is empowered to retire or retain a ministerial servant in service up to the age of 6 ' years provided that extensions are not granted for more than one year at a time.

Alleged refusal of casual leave to one Venugopal, machine-minder of the Government Press.

* 272 Q.—Mr V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one M. E. Venugopal, machine-minder of the Government Press, Mint Buildings, was refused a day's casual leave on 6th June 1930 asked for on the ground of diarrhœa and belly-ache; if so, why;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the said Venugopal had to submit a duplicate leave memorandum on 12th June 1930 and then a triplicate on 17th June 1930 as the original and the duplicate were not forthcoming;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the said Venugopal was told on 21st June 1930 by the Overseer of the department that his leave was not sanctioned;

(*d*) whether the Superintendent enquired into the missing of his leave memos. and with what result; and

(*e*) why the orders passed on his leave memos. were not communicated to him then and there, and his initials obtained thereon?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The Government have no information.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to call for the information?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"These relate to details of routine administration and I do not think Government will call for the information."

Motor Vehicles Act.

Income from fees for inspection and registration of motor vehicles.

* 273 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the amount realized by the Government by way of fees for inspection of motor vehicles, in each of the last five years in the City of Madras;

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(b) what is the amount realized by Government by way of fees for registration of motor vehicles in the City of Madras for the same period;

(c) what proportion of these amounts is spent for the advantages of the passengers and the motor owners; and

(d) whether the Government propose to reduce the rate of registration and inspection fees for motor vehicles?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have called for the information.

(d) No.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state why the Government do not propose to reduce the registration and inspection fees for motor vehicles?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Government do not think it necessary."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"Then, Sir, how do they come to any conclusion before the matter has been investigated and the report has been supplied to them?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"We have considered the question before."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"Then, Sir, may I ask why they have called for the information?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Sir, we have called for the information and, if there is any necessity, I am prepared to consider it again."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"Thank you."

Issue of licences to buses and taxis.

* 274 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the period within which the Traffic department, Madras City Police, is expected to finish the examination of a bus or a taxi and issue a licence to the same; and

(b) whether the Government are aware that taxis and buses are sometimes detained for days and sometimes for weeks before licences are issued?

A.—(a) No period has been prescribed.

(b) No.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"The Government in answer to clause (a) say that no period has been prescribed. Are the Government aware, Sir, that very often it takes three or four days before the registration actually takes place?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I shall make enquiries into the matter."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"Is it true, Sir, that those who tip the Police Sergeant or his underlings get their licences early while those who do not care to do so are delayed for weeks?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I do not believe it, Sir."